

1. Introduction – A Little Pep Talk

Imagine it. Teens in your library: reading, participating, giving you information about what they really want from the library. Sounds like a dream, right? Well that dream can be on its way to coming true with three simple words...Summer Reading Program.

You already have a summer reading program for children, but what about the teens in your area? If you think it would be too hard...relax! This manual should make it so simple to have a summer reading program for teens that you'll wonder why you didn't do it years ago.

Your Teens Want a Program Now!

If you think your library has too few staff, too little space, too little money to have a program ... guess what? We've designed a program to be as easy for library staff as possible no matter what size library you have!

The program has levels, so you can choose the one that works for you. We won't deny that it will take some work to get it started, but it will be worth it! And, after your first summer the teens in your library probably won't be singing your praises or dropping at your feet to worship you, but it will make an impact on them. It can also open new lines of communication and provide you with a starting point for developing more services for teens.

So, please take some time and go through the manual. The beauty of this publication is that it can be adapted to fit your particular library and community needs. Just take the elements of the program that work for you and start planning your summer reading program for teens.

Once you start having a teen summer reading program, you won't ever want to stop!

Good Luck!

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